

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-15, 18-35, 37,52, 54, 56-61, 64-69, 71 and 81-83 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 12, 17, 36, 53, 62, 63, 72-80 and 84 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and claims 2-4, 6-11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 22-25, 28, 29, 37-41, 44-47, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56-61, 64-66, 71, and 81-83 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, 6, 13-14, 18-21, 24, 27, 30, 37, 48, 50, 54, 56-61, 64-65, 70-71 and 83 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, allowable claims 2, 6, 13, 18, 24, 37, 52, 54, 56-61, 64, 65 and 83 have been amended to be in independent form. Accordingly, these claims and claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, 12, 15-17, 22, 25-26, 28-29, 36, 38-40, 45-49, 53, 55, 62-63, 66-69, 72-82, and 84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,718,871 to Fritz; claims 7-11, 31-35 and 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fritz in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2004/0153204 to Blanco; and claims 23 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fritz in view of Blanco and U.S. Patent No. 7,020,840 to Sharp. These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, they are rendered moot by the following amendments.

Claims 1, 5, 12, 17, 36, 53, 55, 62, 63, 72-80 and 84 are canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is moot.

Claim 3 is amended to depend from allowable claim 2. Independent claim 4 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6. Claims 7-11 are amended to depend from allowable claim 6. Claim 15 is amended to depend from allowable claim 13. Independent claim 16 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 18. Claims 22 and 23 are amended to depend from allowable claim 18. Independent claim 25 is

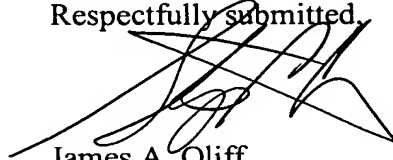
amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 18. Therefore claim 25 and claims 26-27 dependent therefrom are allowable. Independent claims 28 and 29 are each amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Therefore claims 28-29 and claims 30-35 dependent therefrom are allowable. Claims 38-51 are amended to depend from allowable claim 37. Independent claim 66 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 70. Therefore, claim 66 and claims 67-69 and 71 dependent therefrom are allowable. Finally, dependent claims 81 and 82 are amended to depend from allowable claim 83.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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